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Concerning the

English Reformation,

First Proposed

By Dean *Manby* (an *Irish* Convert) in *Latin*,
And afterwards by *T. W.* in *English*;

Briefly and Fully

ANSWER'D.

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AN ANSWER TO T. W's. QUERIES.

Quer. 'THE Church of *England* is either the 'whole *Catholick* Church, or a '*Member* thereof; If a Member 'only, Name me that Church or 'Congregation, under the Sun, whose *Sacraments* 'and *Liturgy* she embraces, unless she have cut her 'self off from the rest of the Body. Sect. 1.

Answ. If the Church of *Rome* were spread over the Face of the whole Earth, excepting here in *England*, and nothing would serve, but we or they must be the Catholick Church, Reason would require that the Church of *England* should be so, which is the *better*, and not the Church of *Rome*, which would be but the *bigger* Church. But we pretend not to be the Catholick Church, because we neither need, nor ought to boast beyoud Truth. The *Sacraments* we *embrace* are received by All Christian Churches in the World, and no Church ought to receive any more. We *embrace* the *Liturgies* of other *Reformed* Churches, and use our own, as they use their own, and *embrace* ours. We

embrace all that honeſt Chriſtians can *embrace* in the *Liturgies* of the *Unreformed*, and we reject the reſt. We have not *cut our ſelves off from the reſt of the Body*, but the Church of *Rome* has done ſo, becauſe ſhe is reſolved to be *All* or *Nothing*.

Sect. 2. *Quer.* 'Does ſhe allow the *Sacraments* of *Lutherans* or *Calviniſts*?

Anſw. She allows and adminiſters the ſame Sacraments, that *Lutherans* and *Calviniſts* do, not becauſe they are Sacraments celebrated by them, or by any others; but becauſe they are Sacraments inſtituted by *Chriſt*.

Sect. 3. *Quer.* 'From whence was *Cranmer*, that firſt *Patriarch*, or *Reformer* of the Church of *England* 'ſent? Who gave him Authority to preach his 'Reformed Goſpel? Was it juſt or honeſt for him 'to riſe up againſt the Church of *Rome* by vertue 'of a Commiſſion from her received? And if ſo, 'I pray inform me, whether a Biſhop or Miniſter 'fallen from the Church of *England*, may not alſo 'take upon him to Preach againſt the Church of '*England*, by pretence of the Orders received from 'her hands?

Anſw. Cranmer was *immediately ſent* by the Biſhops that Ordained and Conſecrated him, *Originally* by *Chriſt*, who left that Power in the Church, by which they did ſo: So far therefore as he was *the Firſt Reformer* of the Church of *England*, he did what became his Miſſion, better than if he had gone on to maintain Falſe Doctrins, as the *Patriarch* of *Rome* did. That he was the *Firſt Reformer* was not his fault, but theirs, who went before him in that great Station, and ſhould have done the ſame thing, but did it not. The Goſpel which he preached, was not the Goſpel of Man, and therefore

fore not *his own*, but the Gospel of *Christ*. Nor was it properly a *Reformed Gospel* which he preached, since the Gospel of *Christ* is in all Ages one and the same. But if because he reformed the Profession of the Church in some things, which were no part of the Gospel, though they were pretended to be so, he must be said to have preached a *Reformed Gospel*; neither was he to blame for that, whose Duty it was to *cast Errors out* of the Church, but they only were to blame, who had been so careless and treacherous, as to *let them in*. He did not *rise up against* the Church of *Rome*, when he arose against the Corruptions of that Church, which had obtained in *England*; unless the Church of *Rome* cannot subsist without such notorious Errors, as he rose up against. He was not her *Enemy*, unless he *became* so by *telling* her *the Truth*. Nor is it true that he *receiv'd his Commission* from *Rome*, though he receiv'd it by the hands of Bishops, that were in servitude to that *See*: For his Commission had been every whit as good, if they had not been subject to the *Roman* Bishop, as they ought not to have been. But since his Obligation to *Christ*, from whom he received his Commission by their hands, was infinitely greater than to them, it was *just and honest* in him *to rise up against* those Unchristian Doctrins and Practices which they maintained; and no less justifiable then to have risen up against the *Arian* Heresie, if he had received his Orders from *Arian* Bishops. And if ever the Church of *England* should fall into the like Corruptions again, (which God forbid) those Bishops and Ministers that have received Orders from her hands, and who in *discharge* thereof *take upon them to preach* (not *against the Church* of *England*, but) against the wicked Doctrins

Doctrines and Practices of the Church; thoſe Biſhops, *&c.* I ſay, will do not only what they *may*, but what they *ought* to do, and for the doing of which, they ſhall be rewarded at the laſt day by the Great Biſhop and Shepherd of Souls, by whoſe Authority and Command they ſo did.

Sect. 4. *Quer.* 'Whether want of *Miſſion* be not an Error 'in the Foundation of any Church? It being *Theft* 'and *Robbery* (as our Saviour hath taught us) not '*to enter by the Door into the Sheepfold.*

Anſw. That *Cranmer* did, or that our Paſtors now do want *Miſſion*, is a Falſhood inſinuated by this *Query*: Their Miſſion has been more Canonical than that of many of your Popes has been. But for once to Anſwer directly to an Impertinent Queſtion. The want of ſuch Miſſion does not deſtroy the Being, or as you call it, the *Foundation* of a Church. Nor is that the *Door* of which our Saviour ſpake in *Joh.* X. ſince in the needs of the Church *Good Shepherd may come into the Fold* without Canonical Miſſion, and it has on the other ſide too often happened, that *Thieves and Robbers* have come into the Fold by it, who *came not but for to ſteal, and to kill, and to deſtroy.*

Sect. 5. *Quer.* 'Whether *Cranmer* entred by the *Parliament Door*, or by the Gate of the *Scriptures?* But 'this latter is the Old Song of *Hereticks* and *Sectaries*, perpetually boaſting of *Scripture.* I demand 'therefore, Does not the Bible admit of various Interpretations? Whence of neceſſity ſome Judge is 'to be aſſigned to determin which is the true Interpretation, unleſs your Inclinations be to wrangle 'to all Eternity.

Anſw. To the firſt of theſe profound Interrogations, I Anſwer thus; That if *Cranmer* entred by the

the *Parliament Door*, 'tis a *Door* at which you, whoever you are, would be glad to enter too, provided you could get in, without first passing the *Gate of the Scriptures, which you shut up against men, for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entring to go in.* For your saying, That *Scripture is the old Song of Hereticks and Sectaries*, &c. I know not whether it betrays more ignorance or profaneness. The Scriptures (if they must be so called) were the *Old Song* of the Good Old Fathers of the Church; and the Old Song of the *Old Hereticks* and *Sectaries* was *Tradition, Tradition, unwritten Tradition*, the taking up of which Song, is that that gives you some Title to Antiquity.

To your Second Interrogatiory, I Answer, That if by *admitting various Interpretations*, you mean, that the words of the Bible are not so plain as to exclude all possibility of various Interpretations, and perverting them to a wrong sence, 'tis then a very idle Demand, *Whether the Bible does not admit of various Interpretations?* For I defie your Judge whom you speak of presently after, be he *Man* or *Men*, to put words so together, that it shall be impossible to pervert them to a wrong meaning. But if you mean, that upon a fair Construction of the Words of the Bible, they *admit various Interpretations*: I Answer, That in some places they do, and in others they do not admit more than one, which is therefore undoubtedly the true one. But for your consequence, that *of necessity some Judge is to be assigned*, &c. I beg your pardon that I do not see it, unless of necessity Men must be either so wanton and quarrelsom as to *wrangle to all eternity* about the meaning of words which may be diversly expounded without any harm done; or so perverse, as to cavil

cavil at a Text which has but one plain meaning. If you find yourſelves given this way, you indeed ought to have a Judge *aſſigned* for you, and more than One. You ſhould have one Judge aſſigned whoſe conſtant buſineſs it ſhould be to determin the true Interpretation of all other Scriptures, but thoſe that ſpeak of him, to keep you from *wrangling* about them: And you would need another Extraordinary Judge to *aſſign* the Ordinary Judge, from thoſe Texts that mention him, and a Third to aſſign the Second; and ſo on, till you come to a Judge for whoſe Credit you muſt take his own Word, that ye may not *wrangle* about a Judge *to all Eternity*.

Sect. 6. *Quer.* 'To theſe Queries I have often deſired an 'Anſwer, but never yet met with any.

Anſw. Why, that was hard indeed; but I muſt tell you, that theſe Queries, tho' they were Printed, yet went abroad ſo privately, as if they were more affraid, than *deſirous* to *meet* with an *Anſwer*. Whether you ever met with an Anſwer, I cannot ſay; perhaps you have not, and, it may be, you will never own that you have. But let us go on.

Sect. 7. *Quer.* 'If you pretend (as many do) that *Cran-* '*mer* and his Aſſociates derived their Holy Orders 'from *Chriſt* and his *Apoſtles* by the Hands of *Ro-* '*man Catholick* Biſhops, it follows inevitably that '*Roman Catholick* Biſhops did alſo receive their Or- 'ders from *Chriſt* and his *Apoſtles*, and conſequently 'are therefore to be heard. By this Anſwer, the '*Proteſtants* ſeem to me to deſtroy their own Cauſe.

Anſw. If they deſtroy their own Cauſe, you are to give them thanks; for 'tis more than their Enemies can do. But I do not ſee how this Anſwer deſtroys it; for if thoſe whom you call *Roman Catholick* Biſhops can give good Orders, then were the Orders

Orders of *Cranmer and his Aſſociates* good. It is enough for us, that they had their Orders from Biſhops: And as we contend that their Orders were never the better, ſo we willingly grant that they were never the worſe for being conferred by thoſe whom you muſt needs ſtyle *Roman Catholick* Biſhops. Well; but you ſay, *If we pretend to derive our Holy Orders from Chriſt and his Apoſtles, by the hands of Roman Catholick Biſhops, it follows inevitably that theſe alſo did receive their Orders from Chriſt and his Apoſtles.* So that though our *Orders* are never the worſe from coming through their hands, yet the *Roman Catholick* Biſhops themſelves are in a better caſe for our granting it; ſince their Orders muſt therefore by our Confeſſion be from *Chriſt* and his *Apoſtles.* Very well; and if your Doctrine be true, it will, I think, be found that *Judas* received his *Orders* from Chriſt too, when Chriſt ſaid to him and to the reſt, *Hoc Facite.* Perhaps you will ſay, that thoſe were not Biſhops Orders. To go on with you therefore; What follows from *Roman Catholick Biſhops*, having received their *Orders* from *Chriſt*? Why therefore *they are true Biſhops, and to be heard.* Undoubtedly; But what then? Therefore *Proteſtants ſeem to deſtroy their own Cauſe.* This is ſo much out of the Common Rode of Reaſoning, that ſurely you have ſome *Logick* by yourſelf, which the World yet never ſaw; and therefore you would do very well to let us have it, if ever it ſhould come into your head to *Query* again. Not to have *heard* you, had been unreaſonable, I confeſs, and this, whether your Biſhops were *True* or not. But we have heard them over and over, and this, although they have ſaid the ſame thing, over and over again. You may alſo

perceive that I have *read* (which may ſerve inſtead of *hearing*) yourſelf too, whom I fancy to be no Biſhop; and this I aſſure you not without ſome tryal of my own Patience, to read ſuch rambling and unedifying things as you have here brought together.

Sect. 8. *Quer.* 'But you will ſay perhaps, that *Roman* 'Catholick Biſhops did receive their Orders, not 'their Doctrine, from *Chriſt* and his *Apoſtles*. Very 'good: I would fain know then, by whoſe Autho-'rity the Firſt Reformers roſe up againſt the Do-'ctrine of the Church of *Rome*; Unty this Knot, 'or Confeſs that *Cranmer*, *Luther*, *Calvin*, *Soci-'nis*, &c. made themſelves *Judges*, *Witneſſes*, and 'Accuſers.

Anſw. Here again we are at a loſs for want of your private *Logick*; for why *Judges*, *Witneſſes* and *Accuſers* ſhould come in here, no Man alive, it may be, knows but yourſelf, and perhaps not you neither. To ſo much as I underſtand, I am content to Anſwer. True Biſhops then may Preach Falſe Doctrine, and againſt your Biſhops we have terrible Evidence, that thoſe Doctrins of theirs which we reject, are ſo far from being received from *Chriſt*, that many of them are contrary to what we *have received from him*. Now every Chriſtian not only may, but ought to reject ſuch Doctrins, and that by the ſame Authority which requires every one to *prove all things, and to hold faſt that which is good*. And much more may Biſhops, and other Spiritual Guids, *riſe up againſt them*. Nay, by their Orders and Station in the Church, they have not only Authority ſo to do, but it will be ſeverely required of them if they do it not. I know not what ayl'd you to tye an inviſible *Knot*, and then to bid us *unty* it.

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As for *Socinus*, we are no more bound to Answer for his (or any other Mans) Errors, because he holds many Truths with us against you, than we are bound to answer for yours, because we hold some Truths with you against him.

Quer. 'But the more Common Answer is, That 'every National Church may Reform itself. Be it 'so: Then it follows, *Scotland* may Reform itself 'to *Calvinism*, *Saxony* to *Lutheranism*, &c. Sect. 9.

Answ. And so you leave us to gather the rest in this manner, *but* Scotland *ought not to reform to* Calvinism, Saxony *to* Lutheranism, *and therefore a National Church may not reform itself.* Which is as much as to say, That because the National Churches which reformed themselves, did not all of them agree in every Point of Doctrine and Discipline with one another, therefore they ought not to have reformed the most manifest Abuses and notorious Errors, in the taking away of which they all agreed. If you intended to insinuate that we Confess some defects in this or that National Church, since they reformed, your Argument is just such another as this, Because the National Churches in reforming themselves, did not do every good thing which they might, therefore they ought not to have done the Good which they did. You may, Sir, observe if you please, that the Authority of any National Church to reform itself, does not imply it to be an Indifferent thing, how she proceeds in doing it. Nor does it follow, that because 'tis possible for a National Church to use Authority in this Matter, better or worse, therefore she has no Authority at all in it. If you are Ignorant of these things, you do well to make *Queries* upon them, but it should have been done

modeſtly, and without pretending to diſpute of things in which you are ſo very unskilful.

Quer. 'Moreover 'tis falſe, that the Change of 'Religion was made here in *England*, by Vote of 'the National Church or Clergy of *England*. 'No, no, but by the giddineſs of a Few, during 'the Minority of *Edward* VI. being then a Child of 'Ten years old. Read the Annals of thoſe Times '(even *Fox* himſelf) where 'tis evident that almoſt 'all the *Engliſh* Biſhops (*Cranmer* and two or three 'more excepted) were utterly againſt the pretended 'Reformation.

Sect. 10. *Anſw.* If the Reformation were not a Pretended only, but a Real Reformation, and if all the Engliſh Biſhops *almoſt* were againſt it, the more to blame they, but the Reformation was not the leſs neceſſary. Truth is to be followed with a Few, if they are but Few that follow it; but *thou ſhalt not follow a Multitude to do evil.* It is better to be in the right with a Young King, though he be but a *Child*, than to be in the wrong with an Old Pope. But for what you ſay, That the Change of Religion in *England* was made by the *Giddineſs of a Few*, 'tis notoriouſly Falſe, for they were but few in Compariſon that oppoſed it; and it was ſo generally received, that Fire and Faggot in the next Reign was not able to deſtroy it.

Sect. 11. *Quer.* 'Yet let us ſuppoſe, but not grant Reli-'gion to have been Reformed here, by the major 'part of the *Engliſh* Clergy: I underſtand not how 'it may be lawful for the *Church* of *England*, being 'in Actual Communion with the *Catholick Church*, 'to ſeparate itſelf from the reſt of the Body.

Anſw. She has not ſeparated herſelf from the reſt of the Body, though ſhe has not now for ſome time been

been in *Actual Conjunction* with one part of it, and that the most corrupted part of all the Rest; the true Reason whereof is, that you will have no Communion with us, but we must pay for it at the price of our Souls. If to reform our selves, be to separate from your Church, look you to that, who have it seems made both these things to be in effect the same thing, by your hating to be Reformed. We for our parts are amazed, that Men who talk so much for Unity of Communion, will not do that for the sake of Unity, which ought to be done, though Discord and Separation would certainly follow upon it.

'*Quer.* If you say, this was not done by Fault of the '*English* Church, but of the Church of *Rome*, ob-'truding on the World her Errors and Corrupti-'ons: I answer in short, That all *Hereticks* (them-'selves being Judges) will escape Condemnation. 'And farther, let the Reader take notice, that all '*Presbyterians* are wont to urge this very Instance 'in their own defence against the Church of *Eng-'land*, to wit, that they have left only the Errors 'and Corruptions of the *English* Church. Sect. 12.

Answ. If you say, this was not done by Fault of the *Roman* Church, but of the Church of *England*, refusing to submit to the Supreme Pastor, and rejecting the Catholick Faith: I answer in short, That All *Usurpers* and *Deceivers* (themselves being Judges) will escape Condemnation. And farther, let the Reader take notice, that though this Plea of forsaking the Errors of a Church, lies in the middle to be taken up by every one that separates from a Church, yet one may take it up with very good reason against one Church, while another lays hold on it, without any just cause for so doing against another.

another Church. Nor ought it to be esteemed any prejudice against using such a Plea, when there is *Cause* for it, that others may using when there is none. For otherwise 'tis impossible that the Innocent should ever make a good Plea for themselves, since they that are guilty may, if they can but speak, take the same Words into their Mouths. When the two Apostles said to the Council, *Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken anto you more than unto God, judge ye*, they might have been told, that this was no more than what every Deceiver might say. And yet I suppose you will not deny, but the Plea in their Mouths, was a very just and sufficient Plea.

Sect. 13. *Quer.* 'Whether the true Service of God had 'been corrupted throughout the whole World be-'fore *Cranmer*'s Rise; If not, tell me in what Pro-'vince of the Earth did it exist? Whether among 'the *Waldenses?* But I am ignorant from whence '*Peter Waldo*, the Merchant of *Lyons* received his 'Mission. Nor do I know whether his Sacraments 'are approved by the Church of *England.*

Answ. The *whole World* is a very wide place, and the *Query* is a very Impertinent *Query*; For whether the *true Service of God had been corrupted throughout the whole World before* Cramner's *Rise, or not*; one thing we are sure of, that it was most vilely corrupted here, and therefore that there was crying need to have it Reformed. But if you long to have a more positive Answer to the Question, first go and learn that every Corruption in the Service of God does not destroy the *Truth*, though it lessens the *Purity* of it, and that every *Defect* does not deserve to be called a *Corruption*; that as to this Matter some Churches were better, and others worse

worſe, none I doubt perfect, but that there was one worſt of all, ſo very bad that *Peter Waldo* needed not any Miſſion to declare againſt the Corruptions of it. Learn theſe things as you ought to do, againſt the next time, and, if you intend to go on in this way, then you ſhall hear farther from me. Concerning the Sacraments which the Church of *England* appears, I have told you my mind once already.

Quer. 'Whether at this day there be no Pure Sect. 14.
'and Apſtolical Service of God in the World, ex-
'cept that eſtabliſhed by Law in *England* and *Ire-*
'*land?* Whether it be lawful for the People of
'*England* to invent a Church to themſelves, divided
'from all the reſt of the Chriſtian World? By what
'Authority do they cenſure the Sacraments and
'Rites of the *Roman* Church?

Anſw. For an Anſwer to the firſt part of the *Query*, I ſend you back but to the laſt *Query* of all, where yon may find it. As to the ſecond, I ſay 'tis not lawful for the *people* of *England*, or for any other People to *invent a Church*, by which you mean, I ſhould think, to invent a New Religion, New Doctrins, Worſhips and Governments. But what came into your Head to ask this Queſtion, I am not able to imagin, ſince *our people* have *Invented no New Church*, but only retrieved the *Old*: Whilſt you of all people have been the beſt at this Invention, and by Inventing a New Creed, and New Objects of Worſhip, and New Sacraments, and a New Head of the Catholick Chuch, have effectually *divided* yourſelves *from all the reſt of the Chriſtian World*, that ſtick to the Old Religion, and will have none of your Inventions. 2. I muſt acquaint you, that the two former Branches of this

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Query ſeem to me to make up a kind of Nonſence between them, for in the firſt you ſuppoſe that we pretend to have a *pure Apoſtolical Service* amongſt us, and in the ſecond, that we muſt needs grant our Church to be one of our own *Invention.* Now we might take it ill to have Queſtions put upon us, as if we were ſuch *Ninnies*, as to pretend to an Apoſtolical Service, and yet to grant that we our ſelves were the Inventors of it. 3. Take all together, and the moſt I can make is this, that you lay great weight upon your Preſumption, that by our Service we ſtand divided from the reſt of the *Chriſtian* World : which I have already told you is notoriouſly falſe. But for your better Inſtructions, I ſhall add, that if indeed we only had a *Pure* and *Apoſtolical* Service, and yet upon the account of our Service, no other Chriſtians would Communicate with us; the reſt of the Chriſtian World ought to be aſhamed of it, but we not at all. By the run of your *Queries*, you ſeem to be ignorant of one of the plaineſt things in the World, which therefore I do again commend to your Conſideration, *viz.* that *Truth* is the ſame, and changes not, whether they be many or few that profeſs it; and that our Religion ſtands not in a multitude of Pretenders, but in a Holy Doctrin, and a Holy Practice, which all ought to follow, even when the moſt do not. As for the third Branch of this *Query*, *By what Authority*, &c? it comes in as if you could never ask it often enough : But if I have not given you a ſufficient Anſwer, pray do you try to give a better, if you can, to this. *By what Authority do you cenſure the Sacraments and Rites of the* Engliſh *Church?*

Quer. 'Whether *Cranmer* was the first Arch-'Bishop of the Church of *England?* The reason of 'my doubt is this, because Archbishops of *Canter-'bury*, for nine preceeding Ages were all Roman 'Catholicks? If he was the first, he wanted *Episco-'pal Succession*, because being the first of his Sect he 'succeeded to none. Then how could he be a law-'ful Pastor, who had neither Succession, Mission, 'nor Miracles to recommend his New Doctrin? I 'say *New*, and strange at that time, and for many 'Ages before.

Answ. He that affirms there were *Roman Catho-* Sect. 15.
lick Archbishops of *Canterbury*, for Nine Ages before *Cranmer*, and yet makes a doubt whether *Cranmer* were the *first* Archbishop of *Canterbury* or not, shall doubt on for me. If indeed *Cranmer* was the first Archbishop of *Canterbury* then, as you say, he wanted *Episcopal Succession* (in the See of *Canterbury*) that is, he had no Bishops that were his Predecessors in that See, because he was the first; and I am very glad, that you don't doubt of that too: And yet I think there is as much reason to doubt of that, as of the other. But then you are come to an end of the first doubt presently, for now you donot doubt but *Cranmer* was the *first* Archbishop, (tho' there were Archbishops for Nine Ages before him) and *wanted Episcopal Succession.* I suppose you do not care to stand doubting long upon a Matter; But in the name of sence how can this be? Why, *Because being the first of his Sect he succeeded none.* Notably spoken! and all is now as plain as can be. Because *Cranmer* was the First of his *Sect* in the See of *Canterbury*: Therefore he was also the First of his *Order*, for if there were no Archbishop of his Sect before him, without all doubt there were no Archbi-

ſhops before him at all: And yet there were too, therefore I begin to doubt this will prove but a bad buſineſs at laſt. However, Sir, I give you many thanks for your Argument, ſuch as it is; for the diſtinction which it proceeds upon, we have been tugging for this hundred and fifty years, and you at laſt have very civilly yielded it to us. For in plain *Engliſh* you would prove that *Cranmer* wanted *Epiſcopal Succeſſion*, becauſe he wanted *Doctrinal Succeſſion*, he was, ſay you, the *Firſt of his Sect*, and therefore *he ſucceeded to none*: And again, *How could he be a lawful Paſtor, who had neither Succeſſion*, &c. *to recommend his New Doctrin.* Now tho' I can by no means grant that want of *Doctrinal* Succeſſion, implies the want of *Epiſcopal* Succeſſion, nor will you neither, when you have taken ſomething to clear your Brain; yet I do very thankfully acknowledge that to make a *Good* Paſtor, there ought not to be an *Epiſcopal* Succeſſion only, but a *Doctrinal* Succeſſion alſo. Now *Cranmer*, we ſay, received his Orders from the Biſhops of his Age, and his Epiſcopal Succeſſion from his immediate Predeceſſor in the See of *Canterbury*, and ſo upward. Thus far now we are very well. But then for his *Doctrin*, for which you would make him the *Firſt of his Sect*, he took a far better courſe than, as you would have had him, to receive it for good, and all from his immediate Predeceſſors, for it was poſſible, and upon trial he found it certainly true, that his Predeceſſors had made a failure in Succeſſon of Doctrin, and innovated againſt the Antient Faith and Worſhip of the *Chriſtian* Church. He therefore went to the Records of the Primitive Church, and to the Scriptures which are the moſt Antient of all, and the only Infallible Rule of Faith; by which he found

found, and so may you (if you have Grace to do it) that some of those Bishops, whom you speak of, that went before him had miserably failed of carrying on the Succession of True Doctrin. Now I will be content in this Matter to make you the Judge, that if they are not *lawful Pastors*, who want succession of Doctrin, whether the unlawful ones be those who broke the Succession of it at first, or those that restored it afterwards. And because I will not tye you too severely to your own words, I will abate the word *lawful*, and suffer you to put *Good* Pastors instead of it. For I think that Orders and Regularity of Episcopal Succession, will suffice to make them *lawful* Bishops, who for corrupting the Doctrin of the Church, shall not be allowed to be *Good* ones. I have one word more to say, and then you shall speak. You have heard, I perceive, from some of your Friends, that the Archbishops of *Canterbury* for *Nine* Ages before *Cranmer*, were *Roman Chtholicks*. Now their meaning was that *all* the Archbishops of *Canterbury*, even from the time of *Gregory* the Great, that sent *Austin* hither were just such believers as those whom you now call *Roman Catholicks*: But tho' you know not these Matters, and, it may be, not they neither, yet I can assure you, that very many of your Doctrins and Practices are not only different from, but contrary to what was believed, and done in Pope *Gregories* days; which you shall find made out very clearly to your hands, in the *Vindication of the Answer to some late Paper*, p. 72. *&c.* So that there has been sad tampering with Christianity since his time, and when first the Archbishops of *Canterbury* became your *Roman Catholicks*, they themselves interrupted the Succession of Primitive and Antient Doctrin.

ctrin. Take good notice of the place I refer you to, in that excellent Book now mentioned, and if you improve by it, as you ought, I may direct you hereafter where to find that the Corrupt Doctrins of your Church were of a much later date, than for you to talk as you do of Nine Ages before *Cranmer*.

Sect. 16. *Quer.* 'Whether that be a True Church that 'wants Lawful Pastors? And whether Pastors not 'Lawful and True, can be said to have true Sacra-'ments? If not, then is it not better to Communi-'cate under *One Kind* with *Catholicks*, than under '*No Kind* with *Reformers*?

Answ. But if we have Lawful and True Pastors, as, for any thing that you have hitherto said, nay that you or any of your Party can say, we are sure that we have; then this Query comes in too soon: And therefore at present the Question stands thus; Whether it is not better to Communicate under *Both kinds* with the *Real* Catholicks, than under *One Kind* only, with the *Pretended* Ones? But if you think fit to Renew the *Query*, I would advise you to Mend it a little against the next time; and not by any means to question the Validity of our Sacraments so crudely as you do, for you will find that your own Church does not presume to Baptize those over again, which go from us to you: And it were not amiss if you would tell us more distinctly, what you mean by Lawful Pastors; whether you oppose them only to such of the Validity, of whose Orders we have no good assurance; or who also came into their Cures by Simony, or who are Schismatical Pastors, and the like, for these can hardly be said to be Lawful Pastors. Make your *Query* plain, and I have a plain *Answer* for you, which perhaps you little think of.

Quer.

Quer. 'Whether the XXXIX Articles of the Sect. 17.
'Church of *England* be *Articles of Faith*, yea or
'no? If not, then no body is bound to believe them
'under pain of Damnation. If they be, then hath
'the Church of *England* invented New *Articles of*
'*Faith* beſides thoſe XII inſtituted by Chriſt and
'his Apoſtles.

Anſw. In Return to this Query, I ſhall deal as plainly with you as you could wiſh. Many of the Articles of the Church of *England*, are Doctrins oppoſed to the Errors and Innovations, which your Church holds for Articles of Faith. Now, as to theſe Doctrins, we *do not* Eſteem them in the ſame rank with the Articles of Faith, becauſe they are not at all times neceſſary to be propounded to all in order to their Salvation; but they are neceſſary to be taught the Faithful in theſe Parts of *Chriſtendom*, to ſecure them from the Contagion of thoſe Errors you have brought into the Church. For inſtance, if you had not ſet up the Doctrine and Practice of *Praying to the Saints*, there had been no need at all of a Determination of this Church againſt it; nor had it been neceſſary to inſtruct our People, that the Saints are not to be Prayed unto. Had not Your Church invented the Article of *Tranſubſtantiation*, Ours had not oppoſed a contrary Article to it. Now as to the Doctrine of theſe and the like Articles of our Church, we do not ſay, that it is in itſelf Neceſſary, but only Profitable. But it is neceſſary for us to Teach it, becauſe, as you have ordered Matters, to be Ignorant thereof is very Dangerous, the contrary Errors being Damnable. For you are ſtrangely miſtaken, if you think that no Error is damnable, but the direct denial of ſome Truth which is always neceſſary to be propounded

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to all, that is of an *Article of Faith* ſtrictly and properly ſo called. And I can aſſure you, that the beſt Divines of your own Church are of another mind. There is therefore no room left for your Second Suppoſition, That *if they be Articles of Faith, then hath the Church of* England *invented New Articles of Faith,* &c. But I wonder not a little at the boldneſs of your Inference, while with no better colour for it, you would draw us in to be ſuſpected of that which yourſelves are ſo notoriouſly guilty of, *i. e.* of making *New Articles of Faith.* For had not you done ſo, we ſhould have had no occaſion to Oppoſe your Inventions ſo vigorouſly as we have done, nor you any colour to Inſinuate as if we had added to the Creed. I would fain know of you, that if Falſe Doctrins which do not directly contradict the Articles of the Creed, ſhould be thruſt into the Creed by one part of the Church, whether another ſhould be afraid to contradict them, for fear of being accuſed of adding the contrary Propoſitions to the Creed too; though it be evident that they do it not, but only take care to keep the Old Faith pure from *New Doctrines*, and the Minds of the Faithful uncorrupted with Falſe Doctrines? If you ſhould think fit to ſay ſo, I muſt then ask you, Whether Ten Thouſand Fooliſh and Falſe, nay and Dangerous Opinions, might not by ſome or others be tack'd to the Ancient Creeds, and yet the reſt of the Chriſtian World ſhould not dare to determine preciſely againſt them. And yet I muſt tell you, That if you have not capacity enough to diſtinguiſh between *rejecting Errors* on the one ſide, and adding to the Articles of the Creed on the other, I have a Queſtion to offer you, which will go near to ſpoil your Query, and this it is. If you will

will needs call our *Articles*, Additions to the *Common Articles* of the Christian Faith; whether it be not somewhat worse to add *notorious* and *dangerous Errors* to the Creed, than to add *plain* and *profitable*, and as the case may be, *necessary Truths* to it?

Quer. 'Whether the Reformed Religion may not Sect. 18.
'be divided and sub-divided into Endless Reforma-
'tions.

Answ. The *Turks* have taken much notice of the Divisions of *Christians*. Do you therefore go and Answer a Turk putting this Query; *Whether the* Christian *Religion may not be divided and sub-divided into Endless Religions?* And then I will Answer this wise Query of yours, if you be not from that time able to Answer it yourself. But if you should have but little concern for *Christianity*, yet surely you have a great deal for *Popery*. Therefore I expect your Answer to this other Query; *Whether the Sence of the Council of* Trent *may not be divided and sub-divided into endless Expositions and Representations*? Tell me this, and I also will tell you, *whether the Reformed Religion*, &c.

Quer. 'Whether in the matter of the Eucharist, Sect. 19.
'the Argument drawn from our Senses, be not fal-
'lible? The Reason of this Question, is, because
'the Serpents deceiv'd our first Parents, by per-
'suading them to believe their own Eyes, rather
'than the Word of God. As that, *they should eat*
'*of the Tree of Knowledge, because it was fair to the*
'*Eye*. Now if Mankind should be so deceived by
'their *Sight*, Pray whence should their other Senses
'deserve more Credit?

Answ. And was not the Fruit of that Tree *fair to the Eye?* How then did their Sight deceive our First Parents? Would any one that had but read

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Gen. 3. 4, 5. ſay that *the Serpent deceiv'd our Firſt Parents, by perſuading them to believe their own Eyes*? Be ſo juſt to yourſelf, as to believe your own for once, and read the words, *And the Serpent ſaid unto the Woman, Ye ſhall not ſurely die, For God doth know, that in the day that ye eat thereof, then your Eyes ſhall be opened; and ye ſhall be as Gods, knowing Good and Evil.* Now I take this to be a perſuading them to *believe* ſomething which they did not *ſee*, and not (as you ſay) to *believe their own Eyes*. And their Credulity as to this *unſeen* Effect, was that which prevailed with them to their ruin. Remember therefore, if you pleaſe, that our Firſt Parents were deceiv'd, by giving an eaſie aſſent to a confident Boaſter, and bold Promiſer of Supernatural Effects, and from expecting more from ſuch Aſſurances, than what they could have been led to by the moſt full Information of their Senſes: Remember this, I ſay, and then apply it to the Euchariſt, as you ſhall ſee convenient. Read the Text again, and then tell me why you ſay that the Serpent deceiv'd them by *perſuading them to believe their own Eyes*, rather *than the Word of God*? and why you give this Inſtance of it, as if it were his Argument: *That they ſhould eat of the tree of knowledge, Becauſe it was fair to the eye?* The truth is, the Serpent ſet up his own glorious Promiſes againſt the Threatnings of the Almighty; and in this we know he has been well imitated. And if he had not wrought more upon them by their Hopes and Credulity, than by Evidence of Senſe (for tho' they ſaw that the Fruit was *pleaſant to the Eyes*, we have no reaſon to think they would have taſted it, had they not been deluded with the Expectation of being as Gods) his Attemps of deceiving might

might have been as vain as yours are in this *Query*.

Quer. 'Whether the Church of *England* be not 'Changeable, according to the various Inclinations 'of *Engliſh Parliaments*.

Anſw. Changeable? as how I pray? for this one word *Changeable*, ſplits the *Query* into I know not how many *Queries*, unleſs you had told us *as to what* the Church of *England* may or may not be Changed, according to the Will of *Engliſh Parliaments*. For Inſtance, the Church of *England*, is at preſent the *Church Eſtabliſhed by Law*, and if you ask whether the Church of *England*, with reſpect to Legal Eſtabliſhment, *be not Changeable, according to the various Inclinations of Engliſh Parliaments*, including, as I hope you do, the Pleaſure of the Sovereign, then without all doubt *Engliſh Parliaments* may Change the Church of *England*, but we hope they will not do it. But if by Changing the Church of *England*, you mean, that Parliaments can make the Religion profeſſed by the Church of *England*, to become a Falſe Religion, when their Inclinations are once varied from us, then I tell you, that the Church of *England* is not *Changeable* by *Engliſh Parliaments*, nor by all the Powers upon Earth: For this Matter is fixed to their hands, and can never be unfixed to the end of the World. And I do willingly acknowledge, that the Religion of the Church of *Rome* is in this reſpect every whit as Unchangeable as Ours; that is to ſay, that Part of it which contradicts Ours, is Falſe to day, and all the Parliaments in the World cannot make it True to morrow. If this Anſwer ſhould offend you, I pray do not blame me, but thank yourſelf for putting the Query, which no doubt pleaſed you very much. Sect. 20.

much. But the Anſwer, let me tell you, is a good one. We of this Church depend upon King and Parliament for the *Legal Eſtabliſhment* of our Religion, but not for the *Truth* of it; the former therefore is Changeable, becauſe Men are ſo; but the latter is not ſo, becauſe God Changeth not. Thus we *render unto Cæſar the things that are Cæſar's, and unto God the things that are Gods.* And it were well, if you would do ſo too.

Sect. 21. *Quer.* 'Whether the Spirit of *Calvin* denying, 'and that of *Luther* affirming, a Corporal Preſence 'of *Chriſt* in the Sacrament, be the ſame Spirit? 'If not, then both cannot be of God.

Anſw. This again is ſo ambiguous and deceitful, that one would think you had learn'd to frame your *Queries*, after the pattern of the Famous *Apollo*'s *Anſwers*. Here therefore I muſt fall to Diſtinguiſhing as faſt as I can, and Anſwer as warily, as if ſome great Matter depended upon it. In the firſt place then, I well remember, that this word *Spirit* ſometimes ſignifies *Doctrin*, and if the meaning of the Queſtion be, whether *Calvin*'s Doctrin *againſt*, and *Luther*'s *for* a *Corporal Preſence*, be the ſame? I Anſwer poſitively and reſolutely, that they are *not the ſame*; and finally I grant, that thoſe Two contrary Doctrins *cannot both be of God.* Secondly, By this word *Spirit*, we do ſometimes underſtand the Diſpoſition and Temper of a Man's Mind; and then if the meaning of the Query be, whether *Calvin* and *Luther*, one of whom denied, and the other maintained a *Corporal Preſence* of Chriſt, *&c.* whether I ſay both theſe Men were for all this endued with the ſame qualities that make up the Character of a *good* Man, whether they had the ſame Spirit of Sincerity, and Piety, and Charity, and the like; then according

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to this Notion, I Answer, That I verily believe they had both the *same Spirit*, notwithstanding that difference, and consequently, that the Spirit of the one as well as of the other, was of God. Thirdly and Lastly, This word *Spirit* is sometimes used to signifie a Persuasion concerning some Doctrin, proceeding from the immediate Inspiration whether of the Good or the Evil Spirit. And if the Question goes upon this meaning, 'tis an Impertinent Question; for *Luther* and *Calvin* did not pretend to teach Doctrine from Immediate Imspiration, but to Prove their Doctrine by the Scriptures. But if you only meant to make some advantage to yourself from these two Mens disagreeing in a Matter which we must confess to be of Moment; I only desire you to turn the Tables, and to Answer these Queries: Whether the Spirit of the *Jesuites*, who say that the Pope is above a General Council, and the Spirit of the *Sorbon*, utterly denying it, be *the same* Spirit? Whether the Spirit of *Thomas Aquinas*, affirming that the same Honour is to be given to the Image, that is due to the Person represented by it, or the Spirit of the Bishop of *Meaux*, denying it, be *the same* Spirit? And not to be tedious, Whether the Spirit of *Innocent* III. and his *Lateran* Council, and of I know not how many more Popes, and of Cardinal *Perron*, and many more Cardinals, affirming that *Heretical* Kings may and ought to be Deposed, and the Spirit of our English Representer and those for whom he undertakes, who all deny it, *be the same Spirit. If not, then both cannot be of God.*

Quer. 'Was not *John Calvin* a most impudent Sect. 22.
'Creature, in assuming to himself the Office of
'*Reforming* the *World*, being but a Young Man of
'Twenty five or Twenty six years of Age, and

'without all pretence of Miracles, a thing which '*Christ* himself undertook not under Thirty years 'of Age?

Answ. I think indeed *Geneva* may pass for the *World*, by the same Figure that the Church of *Rome* goes for the *Catholick* Church. When the World groans for a Reformation, I do not see where lies the *Impudence* of trying, by good Doctrine and Example, to Reform that Part of it where one lives, unless it lies in being Impudently and Bravely Good, which is sometimes necessary to give a check to Impudence in that which is Bad. If he be a Young Man that takes this upon himself, he is the more to be commended: And if he can fairly carry the Reformation beyond his own Countrey, this is still more commendable; and if he could Reform the whole World, then I say, for that which you call *Impudence*, Generations to come ought to rise up to his Name, and call it *Blessed*. You ought not, I tell you to despise *John Calvin*'s Youth, as one of your Great Ones did *Luther*'s Meanness, who hearing the *Auspurg* Confession read, said to his Confident, That these things indeed were True, but it was not to be endured that a pitiful *Monk* should Reform the World. But if nothing else will satisfie you, but it must be Impudence in a Young Man to think of Reforming the place where he lives, yet at least do not represent him as a *most impudent Creature*; for, as I take it, there are a long row of Popes from *Formosus* downwards, who, if your own Historians are to be credited, shall compare with *John Calvin* in this point, not of *Reforming the World*, but the other, and shall get the better of him by much. And amongst these, there is one *John* XI. Son to *Sergius* III. one of his Predecessors, who was some-

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thing less modest than *John Calvin*, in as much as being yet but a Boy, he took upon himself to be Head of the Catholick Church, which our *John*, I dare say, would never have accepted any time of his life. Indeed, the young Pope was thus far to be excused, that he was put into the Chair by *Merocia*, who though she was not *Sergius*'s Wife, was yet *John*'s Mother. For *Donna Olympia* was not the first of her Quality, that swayed all at *Rome*.

Quer. 'Whether from the Womb of the *Refor-* Sect. 23.
'*mation* have not issued all those Slaughters, Rapines,
'Tumults, Plundering of Churches, Schisms
'and Civil Wars, which broke out in the
'year 1641.

Answ. No truly, for since the Reformation, the Church of *England* hath lent neither *Principles*, nor Examples, nor Counsels, nor Arms, nor Men, nor Money to carry on Rebellions or Rapines. The World saw that she stuck by her Royal Master to to the last; And if you say, that it was her Interest to do so then, I hope you will grant that she has at other times given Proof of a higher Principle; Nor can you without rubbing your Forehead question the strictness of her Loyalty, who begin (some of you) to laugh at her for it. I hope you will not say that the *Irish* Rebellion, which broke the ice for all, those *Slaughters*, *Rapines*, &c. which you mention, to come after it; that that *issued* too *from the womb of the Reformation*. I think this *Query* had better rest, least when the Mother of that Off-spring is agreed upon, we should be tempted to inquire who was the Father of it.

Quer. 'Whether *Africa* produces more variety Sect. 24.
'of *Monsters*, than *Britain* does *Fanaticks*, where
'every

'every Man may read and interpret the Scriptures 'according to his own Judgment of Diſcretion.

Anſw. I know pretty well what Fanaticks *Britain* has produced, but what variety of Monſters *Africa* produces, I cannot well ſay; the ſureſt way to be ſatisfied, is to go thither your ſelf, for Authors are not agreed. But if by *Fanaticks* you mean *Falſe pretenders to Inſpiration*, you may take your compariſon nearer home, where 'tis as much as a Mans or Womans life is worth to have the Scriptures to read. In ſhort, *Britain* has Fanaticks, but the *Britiſh* Church does what ſhe can to reclaim them, which ſhe thinks ought not to be tried by ſetting up an *Inquiſition* for ſome of 'em, and cannot be done by making Saints of others of 'em. You underſtand, I ſuppoſe, and therefore go on.

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Anſw. Without all Queſtion *ſhe can be thought Legitimate*; for I find that I think ſo, and I know many who ſay ſo, that do not uſe to ſay one thing and think another.

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Anſw. Not very *admirable*, I confeſs, if it were ſo; for we had even too much of *One Pope of Rome* before, as the Complaints, and the Laws of our Anceſtors can well witneſs. But how did he raiſe up *infinite Popes of his own Subjects?* Were there ſo many Heads of the Catholick Church raiſed by him in his own Dominions? Or did every Body think himſelf Infallible, when once they depended upon his Holineſs no longer? When you deſign a witty

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Quer. 'By whose Authority did he Divorce his 'Virtuous Wife Queen *Catharine?* His own or a 'Foreign? If by his own, why may not other Kings 'also put away their Wives at their pleasure? If '*Mary* his Daughter by Queen *Catharine* was Legi-'mate Heiress of the Kingdom, then *Elizabeth* was 'not, because it was not lawful for King *Henry* 'to have two Wives at once. Sect. 27.

Answ. I doubt not but Queen *Catharine* was a *Vertuous Wife*; but under favour, since you will needs be medling with these Matters, you should have put your Question either with more honesty, or with more skill; and instead of asking, *By whose Authority he divorced his Virtuous Wife*, you should have asked by what Authority he divorced his *Brothers Wife*. For there lay the point; and here I must tell you, that after that Question, whether the Pope had Power to dispense with that Marriage, had been debated and determined in the Negative by the most famous Universities of *Europe*; for you an unskilful Querist to ask by what Authority the King did, as he did, shews that you have spent your time to little purpose, and are to be admonished to bestow it better for the future. As for your other difficulty, how *Mary* and *Elizabeth* could be both Legitimate: I Answer, that the Legitimacy of *Elizabeth* is plain, supposing the Marriage of Queen *Catharine* to King *Henry* to be void; but yet *Mary* the Child of that Marriage was not Illegitimate, because the Marriage was made without Fraud. But if one or other of them must

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Query, take care, whilſt you live, that there be ſome Sence, and a little Truth at the bottom, and in one Word, that it be not like this, which is a meer Bubble, and turns to nothing.

Quer. 'By whoſe Authority did he Divorce his 'Virtuous Wife Queen *Catharine?* His own or a 'Foreign? If by his own, why may not other Kings 'alſo put away their Wives at their pleaſure? If '*Mary* his Daughter by Queen *Catharine* was Legi-'mate Heireſs of the Kingdom, then *Elizabeth* was 'not, becauſe it was not lawful for King *Henry* 'to have two Wives at once. Sect. 27.

Anſw. I doubt not but Queen *Catharine* was a *Vertuous Wife*; but under favour, ſince you will needs be medling with theſe Matters, you ſhould have put your Queſtion either with more honeſty, or with more skill; and inſtead of asking, *By whoſe Authority he divorced his Virtuous Wife*, you ſhould have asked by what Authority he divorced his *Brothers Wife*. For there lay the point; and here I muſt tell you, that after that Queſtion, whether the Pope had Power to diſpenſe with that Marriage, had been debated and determined in the Negative by the moſt famous Univerſities of *Europe*; for you an unskilful Queriſt to ask by what Authority the King did, as he did, ſhews that you have ſpent your time to little purpoſe, and are to be admoniſhed to beſtow it better for the future. As for your other difficulty, how *Mary* and *Elizabeth* could be both Legitimate: I Anſwer, that the Legitimacy of *Elizabeth* is plain, ſuppoſing the Marriage of Queen *Catharine* to King *Henry* to be void; but yet *Mary* the Child of that Marriage was not Illegitimate, becauſe the Marriage was made without Fraud. But if one or other of them muſt

must neceſſarily be Illegitimate, pray look you to the conſequence, who, I ſuppoſe, apprehend ſome great Matter, to depend upon this Diſpute. For my own part, theſe kind of *Queries* ſeem to be very impertinent, for if Queen *Mary* was *Illegitimate*, our Religion is not one jot the truer for it, and if ſhe was *Legitimate*, neither is it the worſe. But there is a time to anſwer Queſtions that are none of the wiſeſt.

Sect. 28. *Quer.* 'If that Religion be Sacred that is eſtabliſh-'ed by Law, why did Queen *Elizabeth* deſtroy the '*Catholick Religion* Eſtabliſhed by ſo many Acts of 'Parliament?

Anſw. It ſeems then that what you call the *Catholick Religion* may *be deſtroyed.* And yet theſe *Queries* are *publiſh'd with Allowance.* Your Superiors ſurely can inſtruct you, that to deſtroy the Legal Eſtabliſhment of a Religion is one thing, and to deſtroy the Religion is anothet. But they ſaw that if you had expreſſed the former, the *Query* had looked ſo ridiculouſly, that it had been a ſhame to let it go. For all the Sacredneſs that Human Law can give to a Religion, is a legal *Sacredneſs*, and no more, or if you pleaſe, a legal *Eſtabliſhment.* And ſo this is the Engliſh of your *Quære. If that Religion has a legal Eſtabliſhment, that's eſtabliſhed by Law, why did the Queen deſtroy the legal Eſtabliſhment of the Catholick Religion, which was eſtabliſhed by ſo many Laws?* In my opinion it had been much better to Query thus like a plain man; *If the Catholick Religion was eſtabliſhed by ſo many Laws, why did Queen* Elizabeth *uneſtabliſh it by Law again.* And now having brought your *Query* to this Form: I Anſwer, that yours is not the *Catholick* Religion, and it was pity that it ſhould have that Sacredneſs which

which the Law gave it, becauſe it had no Sacredneſs of its own to deſerve it; and therefore it was a very good Law that took away the other Sacredneſs from it. If you think this Anſwer not to be full enough, you may pick out ſomerhing more in *Anſw.* to *Sect.* 20. whither I refer you.

Quer. 'Queen *Elizabeth* expelled fourteen Catho- Sect. 29.
'lick Biſhops from their Sees, for refuſing the Oath
'of Supremacy. But how could they ſwear her to
'be Head or Supreme Governor of the Church,
'when they could not ſwear ſhe was Head of this
'Kingdom?

Anſw. I think truly *Fourteen* Biſhops were deprived in the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth*'s Reign, and that for not taking the Oath of Supremacy. But take this along with you too, that moſt of theſe Biſhops, if not All, had taken the very ſame Oath before, and ſome of 'em aſſiſted at the framing of it. So that one would think, that their refuſing to take the ſame Oath under *Elizabeth*, was as much as to deny her to be *Head of the Kingdom*, as you ſay; which all modeſt Men muſt grant to have been a ſufficient cauſe for their Deprivation. But yet as tender as Princes are of their Titles, it is to be remembred to her immortal Credit, that ſhe did not ſerve them as her Predeceſſor did *Cranmer*, *Latimer*, *Ridley* and *Hooper*, but uſed them in all other reſpects with great gentleneſs. What their true reaſons were for refuſing the Oath of Supremacy, I ſhall not go about to Divine. But as for you, who will needs have it to be this, in part at leaſt; that they could not ſwear ſhe was *Head of the Kingdom*: Thus far you are to be commended, that you have choſen a more modeſt expreſſion of your Malice, than that impudent Writer did, who told

us the other day, that she was a *known Bastard*. But in the Calumny, I perceive, you are both agreed: And hark ye, Gentlemen, I do in behalf of the dead Queen, and of that Age, which universally acknowledge her Title, defie you both to make good your teproach, and fix the Title of *Calumniators* upon you both, if you neither can justifie it, nor will publickly retract it.

Sect. 30. *Quer.* 'Did not *Cranmer*, and his *Reforming Associates* steal their *Liturgy* out of the *Roman Missal*, '*Ritual* and *Breviary*.

Answ. Or rather did not you *steal* this *Query* from the Dissenters? Sure I am, that hitherto it has been theirs, saving only the rudeness of the expression, which you have added to it. Go to them, and they can furnish you with an abundant Answer to this terrible Objection. But if something must be said here; our Liturgy, if it must be *stolen*, looks as if it were stolen not out of your *Roman*, but the Old *Gallican* Missal, which once was ours, and therefore it was not stolen, but now every Body has his own again. But if we had taken your *Roman Missal*, *Ritual* and *Breviary* only, and compiled our Liturgy out of them, yet we took nothing of your peculiar Goods from them, but only what every part of the *Catholick* Church has as much right to, as your selves; and as for that which is peculiarly and properly your own there, we have left it intirely to you, and much good may it do you.

Sect. 31. *Quer.* 'Are not *Protestants* bound by their Oath of 'Supremacy to obey the King as Supreme Governor, 'as well in all spiritual or Ecclesiastical Things or 'Causes, as Temporal? What mean they by these 'words, *As well in all Spiritual as Temporal Things* '*or Causes*, &c. But that Protestants are sworn to 'yield

'yield to the King all manner of Obedience, both 'Civil and Religious? Are they not obliged there-'fore according to the Oath to become *Catholicks* 'with a *Catholick* King, *Calviniſts* with a *Calviniſt* 'King, *Arians* with an *Arian?* I ſay, according to this 'Oath, becauſe the Kings Majeſty is the only Su-'preme Governor, (under Chriſt) as well in all 'Spiritual as Temporal Cauſes: which words con-'feſs in the King a Spiritual as well as Civil Juriſ-'diction. But whence does his Spiritual Juriſdicti-'on appear without the Power of the Keys?

Anſw. You have been as often told, what we mean by theſe words, *As well in all Spiritual as Temporal Things or Cauſes*, as you have asked the Queſtion; but you would never take notice of the Anſwer, nor make any exception to it; and yet 'tis an even wager, that the next ſet of *Queries*, which you intend to aſtoniſh us with, brings this over again. But once more you are deſired to take notice of the meaning of our Church, where 'tis moſt plainly expreſſed, *viz.* in *Artic.* 37. Title, *Of Civil Magiſtrates. The Kings Majeſty hath the chief Power in the Realm of* England, *and other his Dominions, unto whom the chief Government of all Eſtates of the Realm, whether they be Eccleſiaſtical or Civil in all Cauſes doth appertain, and is not, nor ought to be ſubject to any foreign Juriſdiction. Where we attribute to the King's Majeſty the chief Government, by which Titles we underſtand the Minds of ſome ſlanderous folks to be offended, we give not to our Princes the miniſtring either of Gods Word, or of the Sacraments, the which thing the Injunctions ſet forth by* Elizabeth *our Queen, do moſt plainly teſtifie, but that only Prerogative which we ſee to have been given always to all Godly Princes in Holy Scripture by God*

himself, that is, that they should Rule all Estates and Degrees committed to their charge by God, whether they be Ecclesiastical or Temporal, and restrain with the Civil Sword the stubborn and Evil Doers. You see then our Church acknowledges the King to be Supreme Governor in all Causes, and over all Persons Ecclesiastical, *viz.* that no Quality in the Church, nor cause of the Church exempts a Subject from the Secular Laws, and the Sword of Justice; which may be very true, as it undoubtedly is, and yet *all manner of Obedience* in Religious Matters shall not presently become due to the King. For when Sovereigns require their Subjects to do things contrary to true Religion, if their Subjects give but one *manner of Obedience* to their Laws, which goes with us under the name of *Passive* Obedience, it saves at once their acknowledgment of the Sovereigns Supremacy over them, and of Gods Supremacy over All. So that we are not obliged by our Oath to *become* Calvinists *with a* Calvinist *King*, nor *Arians* with an *Arian* King, nor *Roman Catholicks* with such a *King*; nor, in a word, to be of the Kings Religion, but to submit to his Authority, let his Religion be what it will. In short, let the Persons or the Causes be what they will, our Church acknowledgeth the King to be Supreme Governor in his Dominions, he only having the *Civil Sword*. But now as for you, that make the Pope the Head of the Catholick Church, and Union to him, necessary to your being a Member of it, who laugh at us for that dependence which our Ecclesiasticks have upon the King, and depend in effect for all the benefits of Christianity, upon your Ecclesiastical Union to the Pope, which is something more than the Article recognizes of our Sovereigns; you,

I say,

I say, would do well to tell us how you can avoid being *Arians* with a Pope *Liberius*, or *Monothelites* with a Pope *Honorius*, or No Image-Worshippers with a Pope *Gregory* I. or Image-Worshippers with a Pope *Adrian* I.

Quer. 'You will say, the King is to be Obeyed, Sect. 32.
'so far as we may by the Laws of God, and the
'Kingdom. Be it so, then it follows, that the King
'is not Supreme Governor under Christ, but the
'Laws of God and the Kingdom.

Answ. To this silly Stuff, I oppose a little plain Sense. That the Laws of the Kingdom are not to be opposed to the Supremacy of the King, whose Laws they are. That the King is our Supreme Governor under God, but that we know of no Supreme Governor that is to be Obeyed absolutely, without any Limitation whatsoever, but God himself.

Quer. 'What if Controversies rise between the Sect. 33.
'King and his Subjects about the True Sense of
'*Scripture*, Who shall be Judge? The Private Spi-
'rit or not? Hence, If am not mistaken, came the
'Rise of our late *Civil Wars*.

Answ. I dare say you are the first that ever found out the want of a Judge betwixt King and People, to be *the Rise of the late Civil Wars*. 'Tis pity the Observation should be lost, for 'tis a notable one, and would mend the History of those Times not a little. But pray who should that Judge be, *to determine the True Sense of Scripture between the King and his Subjects?* The Pope without doubt. And so we are gotten into the old Circle again. For if they must take the Judgement of the Pope at a venture, then any Man may be agreed upon to be the Judge, and he will serve the turn as well as the Pope: But if God has made the Pope Judge, that

indeed

indeed is another caſe. But how ſhall we know it? By the Scripture? Who then muſt be Judge of the True Senſe of Scripture, with reference to the Queſtion? The Pope ſays 'tis a plain caſe on his ſide. But it may be, neither the King ſays it, nor his Subjects. Who therefore muſt be the Judge between the King and the Pope, or between his Subjects and the Pope? Not *the private Spirit*, for the World, for thence come *Wars*. So that the Pope muſt be Judge, becauſe the Scripture ſays ſo, and the Scripture ſays ſo, becauſe the Pope muſt Judge. Now if inſtead of *Pope* you put in *Council*, you will find the Circle go as round with one, as t'other. Nor do I ſee how you can avoid it, but by running out into the long line, of a Judge upon a Judge, without end, which I gave you ſome warning of before. To Conclude, When you have tired yourſelves with theſe frivolous Expedients for the Ending of Controverſies, do what you can, you will find it beſt to come to that which you diſgrace under the Name of a *Private Spirit*; the Good uſe whereof is that which muſt do the buſineſs. Men muſt be Honeſt, and hearken to Inſtruction, and love Truth, and remember that the Day of Judgment is coming: This you cannot deny to be the Duty of All. And if you and every Body elſe could be brought to it, then about plain Things there would be no Controverſie at all; and thoſe about Points that are indeed difficult, might do a great
Sect. 34. deal of Good, but would be ſure to do no Hurt at all, either to the Church, or to the World.

Quer. 'Why did ſo many Noble Men under *Ed-*
'*ward* VI. and Queen *Elizabeth*, ſo readily Embrace
'the Reformation? Was't for Conſcience ſake, or
'the Lucre of Church-Lands?

Anſw.

Answ. The Noblemen under those Princes, were generally for Wisdom, Fortitude and Manners, a Glory to their Age and Nation: But now they are dead and gone, and it will be time enough to know the Secret into which you are inquisitive, when the Day of Judgment comes; and till then I can be contentedly Ignorant, whether it be for *Conscience sake, or the Lucre of Church-Lands*, that you wrote these *Queries*.

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Quer. 'Why do *Englishmen* (so desirous of *Novel-* '*ties)* hate *Popery*? Perhaps because *Popery* is no '*Novelty*?

Answ. If you are an *Englishman*, methinks 'tis no good sign of the Religion you are of, that it has inspir'd you with the scorn and hatred of your own Countrymen to that degree, as to spend a reproach upon them, which all the World sees there is not the least appearance of Cause for. Friend, you took no little care to hedge in this Abuse, when you were fain to turn Answerer to your own Query, to compass it to your mind. But as your Anger had been less, so your Wit had been more, to have let alone both Question and Answer, for there is that in them to clear us from your Reproach. You say we *hate Popery, because 'tis no Novelty*: And yet neither we, nor our Fathers, nor our Grandfathers, have professed or practised Popery, and therefore in spite of your heart, Popery must be a *Novelty* to *us*; who consequently, if we may be Judged of by this Instance, are not so *desirous of Novelties*. But if you had given us leave to Answer your Question, Why we are *not in love with Popery?* I should have Answer'd to this purpose, That it is not so far a *Novelty* neither, but tho' we are Strangers to the Profession of it, yet we have so true an *Idea* of the Doctrine

Sect. 36. Doctrines and Practices of your Church, that yourſelves are not able to deceive us into another.

Quer. 'The Church of *England* is either Fallible 'or Infallible; if Fallible (as is confeſt by all) then 'is ſhe not founded upon a Rock, becauſe ſhe may 'deceive and be deceived.

Anſw. After all the exquiſite Diſcourſes that have been publiſhed upon this Subject: It is—— (what ſhall I call it?) to think that ſuch a pitiful Argument as this, is worth a Thought. Try, if you pleaſe, this knotty piece of work upon your own dear ſelf, for no other Anſwer you ſhall have from me. *You*, Sir, *are either Fallible or Infallible*; *if Fallible (as I humbly conceive you are) then you are not founded upon a Rock, becauſe you may deceive and be deceived.* But this Argument thus turned upon yourſelf, is, now I look upon it again, a monſtrous dull one I confeſs; and that for proving you not to be built upon a Rock, becauſe *you may be deceived*, when 'tis ſo notorious, that thou art all over actually deceived, as thy lamentable Paper ſhews thee to be. There is indeed a little life in that other part of the Argument, that *you may deceive*, for perhaps that is not very much more than poſſible; ſo that I think this little pains I have taken, might have

Sect. 37. been ſpared, for I dare ſay there are very few whom You and your Queries will be able to deceive.

Quer. 'Whether Cardinal *Wolſey* did wiſely by 'Demoliſhing *Monaſteries* to Found *Colleges?* The 'reaſon of this doubt, is, becauſe the *Tree* of *Know-* 'ledge was not the *Tree* of *Life.*

Anſw. So, ſo, *Monaſteries* were the *Tree of Life*, and Colleges are the *Tree of Knowledge.* Very neat and witty I promiſe you: Hence forward we ſhall not want a Text to prove that Ignorance is the Mother

Mother of Devotion. If *Erasmus* had not happened upon something like this, in his *Encomium Moriæ*, by my consent it should have been written upon your Tomb-stone; Here lies the Author of this Query, *Whether Cardinal Wolsey*, &c. But what have we to do with Cardinal *Wolsey*? Or rather, What have you to do to say any thing against him? Was it a small matter for you to trample upon the Ashes of *Cranmer*, that nothing will now serve you but to pirk over *Wolsey*'s too? I have taken your size, Sir, and must needs put you in mind, that in you 'tis want of Manners, almost to Talk of Archbishops and Cardinals; when you but Think of such Great Men as *Wolsey* and *Cranmer*, the one a Cadinal of the *Roman* Church, the other an Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Men indeed of different Religions, but both of extraordinary Abilities, as well as high Station: I say, when you but hear them, or such as they mentioned, you should presently reflect upon your own little self, and not dare to open your Mouth, till Persons of much meaner Rank come into Discourse.

Quer. 'Is there not wanting in the Church of '*England* a more Correct Translation of the *Bible*? Sect. 39.

Answ. I warrant, you expect that I should say *I* or *No* to this *Query* presently. But in such a case a wise and honest Man must have the putting of the Question. In few words, I do by no means deny that the *English* Translation can be more Correct than it is: After the exactest care, 'tis likely there will be some defect in so great a Work. But this we say, that we need not a better Translation than it is, and in particular, that for the Skill and Fidelity that is shewn in it, we will compare at any

time with the Vulgar *Latin*. And therefore whereas you add,

Sect. 39. *Quer.* 'That many material Errors are found in 'our preſent *Engliſh* Bible, tending to *Schiſm* and 'Liberty of the *Fleſh*.

Anſw. I Anſwer, That you are very much *miſtaken* to ſay ſo, which I will firſt ſhew againſt your Inſtances, and then leave the Reader to ſay what other Name your importunity in this place deſerves.

The Firſt Inſtance you refer to, is *Gal.* 5. 17. *For the Fleſh luſteth againſt the Spirit, and the Spirit againſt the Fleſh, and theſe are contrary one to the other, ſo that ye cannot do the things that ye would.* Now I ſuppoſe the *material Error* in this Tranſlation, lies in theſe words, *ſo that ye cannot do*, which you would ſay ought to have been, *ſo that ye do not.*

†Ἵνα μὴ ποιῆτε. To this I Anſwer, That the words † will bear both Verſions, tho' I confeſs the latter ſeems to me to be more *Grammatical.* The Reaſon, I conceive, why our Tranſlators choſe the former, was, that the following Verſe ſeems to imply that in this Verſe the Apoſtle ſpeaks of thoſe that are *led by the Fleſh*; who in that ſtate cannot do the things which their Conſcience prompts them to. Now this I ſay is ſo far from being *a material Error, tending to Liberty of the Fleſh*, that 'tis no Error at all; unleſs St. *Paul* was miſtaken when he ſaid, *The carnal mind is enmity againſt God, for it is not ſubject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the Fleſh, cannot pleaſe God*, Rom. 8. 7, 8.

'The next is, *Dan.* 4. 24. where the Prophet ſpeaks 'thus to King *Nebuchadnezzar*; *Quamobrem Rex 'conſilium meum placeat tibi, & peccata tua Eleemoſynis 'redime & Iniquitates tuas miſericordiis Pauperum.*

'Which

'Which Text the preſent *Engliſh* Tranſlation thus 'renders vitiouſly enough; *Wherefore, O King, 'break off thy Sins by righteouſneſs, and thine Iniqui-'ties by ſhewing Mercy to the Poor.* Whereas it ought 'to have been tranſlated, *Redeem thy Sins by Alms-'deeds, and thine Iniquities by ſhewing Mercy to the 'Poor.*

But ſuppoſe it ſhould have been tranſlated *Redeem*, rather than *Break off*; Where is the *material Error*? Where is the *tendency to Schiſm, or liberty of the Fleſh*? Surely if Righteouſneſs and Almsdeeds will Redeem *Sins*, they are not further from doing it, by *Breaking them off*. I ſhould rather think that our Tranſlation, if we conſider the difference, preſſes the neceſſity of Univerſal Reformation ſomething more than the other, becauſe it will not ſuffer a Man to fancy that he may keep ſome of his Sins now he knows how to redeem them, *viz.* by *Almsdeeds, and ſhewing Mercy to the Poor*; but teaches him that he has no other way to eſcape, but by breaking off his former ſins, and doing all the good things that are contrary to the evils he has done; which doubtleſs was the meaning of *Daniel*'s Exhortation. And now after all, it was pitifully done of you to Examine our Tranſlation by your Vulgar *Latin*, the Authority whereof in theſe Critical Diſputes, you know we deny. And it was done according to your Wiſdom too, for the truth of the Matter is, that our Tranſlation is right, and yours is wrong: for though the *Caldee* † word פרק ſignifies to Redeem, when 'tis applied to Perſons, as *Pſal.* 136. 4. *Thou haſt redeemed us*; yet when Things are ſpoken of, it ſignifies to *divide*, or to *break them off*. So it is taken *Gen* 27. 40. *Thou ſhalt break his yoke from of thy neck.* and *Exod.* 32. 2, 24. and elſe-

where. In a Word, The Vulgar Interpreter was ſo far from ſhewing his Skill here, that he blunder'd manifeſtly; and it muſt be a very favourable Conſtruction of his Tranſlation, that can ſecure it from the Charge of Falſe Doctrine, *viz.* That a Man can Redeem himſelf from the Juſtice of God.

'Again, You ſay, How are St. *Paul*'s Words to 'the *Corinthians* miſ-render'd, 1 *Cor.* 7. 9. *Quod ſi* '*non ſe continent nubant. But if they cannot contain,* '*let them marry*; where this Word (*cannot*) not being 'found in the *Greek*, was deviſed in Favour of the 'Fleſh.

That is to ſay, in Favour of Marriage. Now this Objection does but ſhew your want of Skill, and the little honeſty of thoſe that helped you to it; for aſſure yourſelf, that although there is not a diſtinct Word in the Greek for *cannot*, yet the force of it is diſcernible enough to thoſe that underſtand theſe things, in that *one* Greek † word, of which our Tranſlators made *two* Engliſh ones; and were obliged ſo to do, becauſe we have not *one* that expreſſes it ſufficiently. It ſignifies to *have the Command or Power over ones ſelf*, which your * Latine does better expreſs, than if we had rendred your Latine word for word; *If they do not contain themſelves.* For, *not to contain*, does in our Language and way of ſpeaking, fall ſhort even of the Latin Phraſe, and much more of the Greek, and therefore to make True Tranſlation, it was needful to ſay *cannot contain.* And if the Force of the Word did not lead your Maſters to this Conſtruction, yet at leaſt the ſcope of the place might have done it. For a very little conſideration had been ſufficient to have ſeen, that the Apoſtle did not mean to give this counſel of Marrying to thoſe only that had been guilty of actual

† Ἐγκρατεύεσθαι.

* Se continere.

actual Incontinence, but to those also that could not due their own desires. And that he speaks here, of a *Power*, that all have not, is evident also from *vers.* 7. *For I would that all men were even as I my self; but every one hath his proper Gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.* The Truth is, if there be a defect in any part of our Translation of these passages, 'tis in *vers.* 5. where the Translators put *Incontinency* to answer the *Greek* word, (*a*) for as Dr. *Hammond* has observed the *English* there does not reach the Original, so well as the *English* [*cannot contain*] (which you have learn't to Cavil at) reaches it here. But now, Sir, why must this word [*cannot*] be said to *be devised by us in favour of the Flesh?* For neither was it *devised*; nor, if it were, does the sence which it gives the Place, provide chiefly for Marriage, but rather by that for the avoiding of heinous Sin, as any one, I think, might see, unless he believes *Fornication* to be more tolerable in some people than *Matrimony*. The end of St. *Paul*'s counsel in this place, is visibly the same with that of his advice, *vers.* 5. for which he gives this Reason, *That Satan tempt you not,* διὰ τὴν ἀκρασίαν ὑμῶν, which I would thus Paraphrase, *By the unruliness of your desires.* Get your Masters to do it better; but mark what I say, if this be well, as I am reasonably assured it is; it will be in vain any longer to cavil at the Translation of the place under debate. And now let us go on.

(*a*) Ἀκρασία.

'Likewise the words of *Christ*, *Matth.* 19. 11. 'are corrupted in favour of the Flesh, *Non omnes* 'capiunt verbum istud sed quibus datum est. All men '(*cannot*) receive this saying, but such to whom it 'is given. It ought to be; All Men *do not* receive 'this saying.

But

But notwithstanding your vulgar Latin, our Translation is already, *as it ought to be*: For the Greek word (*a*) does not only signifie to *receive*, but as frequently to be *capable of receiving*. And there is this reason for translating it so in this place, because in the very next *verse* our Saviour speaking of the same Matter, expressly says, *He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.* Now I should think that this at least implies that some *cannot* receive it; and yet as forward a Man as you are, I suppose you will hardly say, our Saviour put in the word [(*b*) *Able*] *in favour of the Flesh.*

(a) Χωρῶν *Capax sum.*

(b) Ὁ δυνάμενος.

'Also the words of *Job*, *chap.*7. and many other 'Texts, especially, *Exod.* 20. 4. in hatred of the 'Picture of our Saviour, *Non facies tibi sculptile*: 'which word *sculptile* is by the Seventy Interpre-'ters Translated *Idol*, as indeed it ought to be, be-'cause God did not forbid Images but Idols.

As for *Job* 7. 1. it is rendred without the least liberty of Paraphrase, and word for word, excepting only the addition of the necessary expletives to express an Interrogation in English. But what do I trouble my self to find out some colour of a Fault, when you set me to seek one? The place concerns no manner of Controversie between us. And I am apt to think that you borrowed it out of a Book that was false printed, and then had not judgment enough to correct it.

At last we have, it seems, corrupted, *Exod.* 20. 4. by putting the words *Graven Image*, in the Second Commandment, for is not that it you would have? And pray why should we not do so, since not only the *Hebrew*, (*c*) but even your own *Vulgar* has the same; which you here confess to be, *Non facies tibi sculptile.* For what is a *Graven Thing* here, but a Graven

(c) פסל

Graven Image? Oh, but this word *Sculptile* is by the Seventy Interpreters translated *Idol.* Thou hast a lucky Brain: Belike then, the Seventy had the Vurgar *Latin* before them, and followed it in this place. To what purpose is it to spend time upon such stuff as this? Look, Sir, this is the short of the Business, the *Septuagints* Translation is Good, and the *Vulgar* Translation is Good; and that because it will hold good to the Worlds end, that *Graven Images*, or any *likenesses* whatever, that are worshiped, are *Idols*, not excepting the *Picture of our Saviour*, if we had it; which I do not say, *in hatred of the Picture of our Saviour*, unless I must needs *hate* every thing which I do not *worship*. But I know no necessity of that; for I am far enough from *worshipping* your own self, and yet I cannot find in my heart to *hate* you: But I wish you well, and shall therefore give you a little good advice.

Do not for the future, as I hinted to you before, meddle with Kings or Queens, *Cardinals*, *Archbishops*, or Noblemen, for they are *Persons* too high for you; nor with the *Septuagint*, or the comparing of *Originals* and *Translations*, as I add now; for these are *things* too high for you too. And for the same Reason, meddle no more between *Churches*, trouble your Head no more about Questions, relating to *Holy Orders*, *Mission*, *Succession*, and the *Power of Reformation*; Give not your self to Controversies, and, above all things, write no more Queries. And if this distemper be once cured, I'll not *despair*, but that your Ingenuity may direct you to an Imployment more suitable to your capacity, so that you may be able to give a tolerable Account of the Time.

Farewel.

FINIS.

ERRATA.

PAge 14. line 3. for *using*, read *useful*. P. 15. l. 8. f. *appears*, r. *approves*. P. 45. l. 2. f. *due*, r. *subdue*. P. 47. l. last, f. *the*, r. *your*.

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